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Edited by JOHN R. RICE.

"And they cried, The Sword of the Lord, and of Gideon." Judges 7:20

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## After Many Rehearsals God's Curtain Rises on the Oft-Announced Drama of the Ages

Showing Sin, Its Curse and Punishment, and How God Planned to Save Guilty Sinners

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"The next day John seeth Jesus coming unto him, and saith, Behold the Lamb of God, which taketh [beareth] away the sin of the world."—John 1:29.

The greatest Drama of the Ages took place more than nineteen hundred years ago. It took four thousand years for the preparation of this drama, with thousands of rehearsals. Multiplied thousands of men and animals were used as stand-ins for the actors who would be eventually employed in the final production. Animals were often used as the stand-in for the One who would be the leading Character.

Naturally, with thousands of rehearsals and without the final actors or the settings arranged as they would be for the final production, no two rehearsals were alike, but they all contained the basic theme—Redemption.

In the first rehearsal, when the curtain goes up we find a man and a woman wearing fig leaves and hiding behind trees in a beautiful but withering garden. A Voice offstage cries, "Adam, where art thou?" The man and woman come from their hiding place and confess that they hid because they were afraid. God asks the man whether he has eaten of the tree of knowledge of good and evil. The man confesses that he has and the sentence of temporal and spiritual death is pronounced. The man is to be expelled from the garden, but first God goes into the field and slays two lambs and gives the man and the woman costumes of skin to wear.

Ever since this first rehearsal of the great Drama of the Ages whenever man has found himself exposed to the wrath of a just and a holy God he has sought in his own way to justify himself by good deeds, by self-righteousness, through education, through gaining the approval of fellow human beings, and in ten thousand other ways. But just as God looked down through those fig leaves, He looks down through all means which the human mind can contrive for man to cover himself, into the depth of man's soul and sees man as he is. But just as He gave Adam a tunic by shedding the blood of a lamb, He has made provision for man to have a robe of righteousness through the shed blood of the "Lamb of God which taketh away the sin of the world."



Dr. Monroe Parker

### Atonement, a Day of Covering

Back in the Old Testament each year on the Day of Atonement or the Day of Covering the high priest brought three animals to the altar; a bullock and two young goats. The bullock was sacrificed.

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## "The Church"

By Evangelist John R. Rice

18 And I say also unto thee, That thou art Peter, and upon this rock I will build my church; and the gates of hell shall not prevail against it.

19 And I will give unto thee the keys of the kingdom of heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt bind on earth

shall be bound in heaven: and whatsoever thou shalt loose on earth shall be loosed in heaven.

20 Then charged he his disciples that they should tell no man that he was Jesus the Christ.

—Matt. 16:18-20

### The Church Built on Christ the Rock

On verse 18, the Scofield Bible has this note:

(There is in the Greek a play upon the words, "thou art Peter (petros—literally, a little rock), and upon this rock (Petros) I will build my church." He does not promise to build His church upon Peter, but upon Himself, as Peter himself is careful to tell us (1 Pet. 2:4-9).

Peter is a loose stone, but Christ Himself is the Bedrock, the Foundation Stone upon which the church is built (1 Cor. 3:11).

The church is not built on Peter. The Roman claim that the Catholic church is built on Peter is blasphemous, because it really denies what Christ is here saying, that the church is built on Christ Himself. First Corinthians 3:10 and 11 say, "According to the grace of God which is given unto me, as a wise masterbuilder, I have laid the foundation, and another buildeth thereon. But let every man take heed how he buildeth thereupon. For other foundation can no man lay than that is laid, which is Jesus Christ." There can be no other foundation but Christ, the Rock.

Note these facts. (1) There is absolutely no historical evidence that Peter ever went to Rome. (2) There is no scriptural mention of his being at Rome. He is said, rather, to have been at Babylon, the other direction from Jerusalem (1 Pet. 5:13). (3) Paul, writing to Rome, takes all of Romans, chapter 16, to greet many, many Christians by name. Why did he not greet Peter, if Peter were there and were Bishop of Rome, as Catholics claim? (4) When Paul

went to Rome as described in Acts 28 his meeting with Christian leaders is told, but no mention is made of Peter! Peter was not at Rome.

### Meaning of the Word "Church"

But the best evidence that the Roman Catholic church is not built on Peter is that the Bible never mentions any human organization like the apostate, worldly Roman church, and it is absolutely unlike the simple New Testament pattern of local, independent churches.

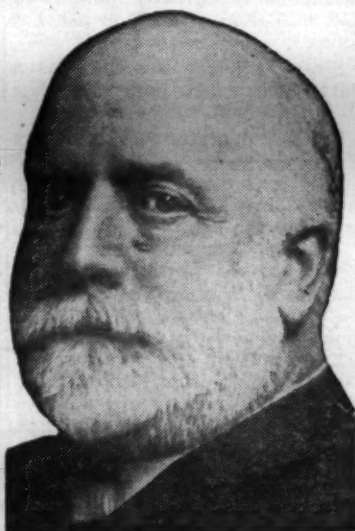
The meaning of the word church is important. It never in the Bible means a denomination. Our use of the term church in the phrase, "The Roman Catholic Church," or the phrase "The Methodist Church," is thoroughly unscriptural. Remember, the word "church" never means denomination. Catholics are not the church of Christ. Baptists are not the church of Christ. The sectarian group that calls itself "the Church of Christ" is not that. The claims of Episcopalians, Greek Catholics, Seventh-Day Adventists, or any other denominational group, that they are "the true church," are untrue. The word church as used in the Bible, never one time refers to a denomination. The word means "a called-out assembly." Thus it is used many, many times in the New Testament of local congregations, like the "church at Jerusalem," "the church at Rome," "the church of God at Corinth," "the churches of Galatia," and "the seven churches of Asia." No

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## How to Make a Success of the Christian Life

Evangelist R. A. Torrey  
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There are two classes of persons who start out in the Christian life: those who make a complete or partial failure of it and



Dr. R. A. Torrey

those who make a complete success of it. The question at once suggests itself: "Is it possible to point out a plain pathway, in which any one who will can walk, and following which will make success absolutely sure? I believe it is. I believe that God's Word gives a few simple instructions which, if followed, will make success in the Christian life a certainty.

There are seven steps in the path marked out in the Bible.

### 1. Begin Right

What a right beginning is we see in John 1:12, "But as many as received Him, to them gave he power to become the sons of God, even to them that believe on his name." Receive Christ.

Take Him as your Saviour who died for your sin. Trust the whole matter of your forgiveness to Him. Rest upon the fact that He has paid the full penalty of your sin. Second Corinthians 5:21, "For he hath made him to be sin for us, who knew no sin; that we might be made the righteousness of God in him." Galatians 3:13, "Christ hath redeemed us from the curse of the law, being made a curse for us: for it is written, Cursed is every one that hangeth on a tree." It is in this first step that many make a mistake. They try to mix in their good works as a ground of salvation. They think if they are good, God will forgive them, be-

cause of Christ's death and their goodness.

Take Him as your Deliverer, the one who will save you from the power of sin, who will quicken you when dead in trespasses and sins. Don't try to save yourself from the power of sin. Trust Him to do it.

Take Him as your Master. Don't seek to guide your own life. Surrender unconditionally to His lordship over you. Say, "All for Jesus." Many fail, because they shrink back from this entire surrender. They wish to serve Jesus with half their heart, and part of themselves, and part of their possessions. It is a wretched life of stumbling and failure, this life of half-hearted surrender. It is a joyous life all along the way, the life of entire surrender. If you have never done it before and wish "to make a success of the Christian life," go alone with God, get down on your knees, and say, "All for Jesus." Say it very earnestly; say it from the bottom of your heart. Stay there until you realize what it means and what you are doing. It is a wondrous step forward when one really takes it. If you have taken it already, take it again. Take it often. It always has fresh meaning and brings fresh blessedness.

Taking Christ as your Master involves obedience to His will, as far as you know it, in each small—

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## Do Something!

by Evangelist Walt Handford, Assistant Editor

"Then Moses stood in the gate of the camp, and said, Who is on the Lord's side? let him come unto me."—Exodus 32:26.

Exodus 32 tells the sad story of the backsliding of the children of Israel while Moses was in the Mount receiving the Ten Commandments from the Lord. Except for the intercession of Moses on behalf of the people God would have destroyed all of them immediately.

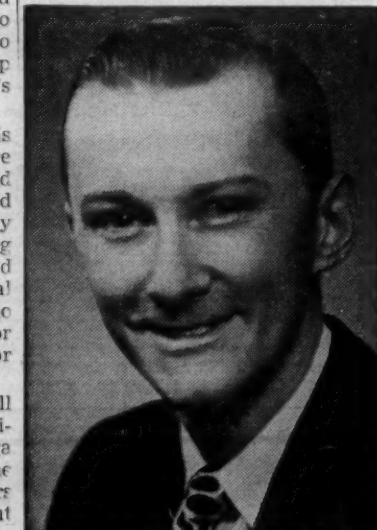
Then read how that Moses stood in the gate of the camp and called to all those on the Lord's side to come to him and take their stand publicly. He then commanded those who did take a stand to buckle on their swords and go through the midst of the camp dealing in judgment on the Lord's behalf.

The spiritual lesson for us is that in the times when men are departing from the faith God needs others who will take a stand publicly for Him. Surely that day is upon us now! God is looking for people today who will stand up for Him publicly and hold real convictions. This is certainly no time for folk not to be all out for the Lord taking a real stand for Him.

I have heard Dr. Bill Rice tell the story many times of an incident in the Battle of Chattanooga during the war between the States. Two Confederate soldiers were stationed on top of Lookout Mountain where they could observe the battle going on below.

As the battle waged hot and heavy they were dismayed to see a great host of Union Army reinforcements coming up to help in the battle. The two soldiers knew almost certainly it meant death for the now overwhelmed Confederate forces below. One of the men said, "Boy, I am sure for our men down there, aren't you?" To which the other soldier replied, "I am not

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Rev. Walter Handford





It is Monday, October 16. Yesterday I preached four times: twice, at 10:00 and 11:00, at the Mesa Baptist Temple, with Pastor Linn, where we had seven professions of faith, including a Catholic mother, her teen-age son, and a twelve-year-old daughter. One teen-age girl of a Mormon family was saved. In the afternoon at 3:00 I preached at the tent on "What Will Happen in Phoenix When Jesus Comes," and then last night, oh, that crowd that filled the tent to hear my sermon on "Hell—What the Bible Says About It!"

The tent revival campaign began Thursday night, and in the first five services, the crowds grew from a little over two hundred up to over eight hundred, I think, last night. Yesterday afternoon there were thirty preachers of this area present, including one or two missionaries. And I am very happy over the co-operation. A number of churches gave up their Sunday night services for the revival campaign.

I have not yet given a public invitation, although a number have been saved in house-to-house visitation; in the co-operating churches Sunday morning; and one saved in the tent services when no invitation was given, but claimed it in the church on Sunday morning.

I am having week-day morning services in area churches; am speaking each morning on the radio.

The beautiful tent is simply a balloon-type structure, inflated and held up by a blower which keeps it full of air. The acoustic qualities of the tent are remarkably good. People hear as well at the back of the 120-foot tent as at the front.

Already the four days of intensive emphasis on soul winning in the conference which preceded the revival campaign have prepared the hearts of many, and people are actually winning souls. A pastor told me joyfully last night how he had won four in the last two days, house to house. Another pastor won two Sunday morning.

### They Recognize the Flavor of an Old-Time Revival!

Phoenix is a rapidly-growing city, with nearly a half-million people, and this Maricopa county has one million of the million and a half people in the State. So there are many here who came

from the east. One man said to me, "I came forward in your city-wide tent campaign in Springfield, Missouri. I couldn't miss these services!" Another said, "I heard you in thirty services in Memorial Hall in Dayton, Ohio." Another man and wife, now retired, came to tell me happily that they were counsellors and soul winners in the crowds of six thousand at our campaign in the Chicago Arena. They are still winning souls. A family last night told me, "I heard you about twenty-five years ago in your campaign in the big Binghamton Theater, Binghamton, New York." (It was January-February, 1936.) Oh, the thrill of the big tent, the crowd, the glorious singing, the revival informality, the sawdust underfoot, the people coming from many churches and as far as one hundred miles away, every night! Now, for the blessing, the power of God, and a multitude saved! I believe it will come.

### Don't Miss Great Blessings Coming in THE SWORD

It is always sad when people neglect to renew their subscription to THE SWORD OF THE LORD. Now that a special subscription campaign is on, I want to tell you some very special reasons why you and your friends need THE SWORD OF THE LORD for the next year.

I have saved back about sixteen sermons by the late Dr. George W. Truett, for forty years pastor of the First Baptist Church at Dallas; President of the Southern Baptist Convention; President of the World Alliance, and long the most famous and best-loved pastor in the world. He is now with the Lord, and some of the greatest sermons of his early ministry will be printed soon in THE SWORD OF THE LORD.

Now running is the charming story, "Probable Sons," the story of how a tender little girl, taught Bible stories by her nurse, is used to win her rich uncle, a nobleman bachelor in England. He too found he was a "probable son" (the little girl meant "prodigal son," but she could not pronounce it). I hope that everywhere fathers and mothers will read the story aloud to the children and let the whole family be blessed. There will be many a chuckle; many a tear, and some holy resolves, as you read it. Don't miss it!

We will have in the coming year the ten best sermons in the Annual Evangelistic Sermon Contest. We will pay \$1,600 cash for the best sermons to be written and submitted in this contest, and then other best evangelistic sermons by the best living preachers. Those ten award-winning sermons alone would be worth far more than the price of the subscription!

And this editor has prepared and has ready for publication about fifteen sermons on soul winning. We believe they will transform the

lives of thousands. They will begin soon in THE SWORD.

Next year we promise to print, as we have in the past, at least fifty-two sermons by pulpits giants, by soul-winning masters of the past who are now with the Lord. Look for the best sermons by men such as Charles H. Spurgeon, D. L. Moody, R. A. Torrey, T. Dewitt Talmage, Dr. J. Wilbur Chapman, H. A. Ironside, A. B. Simpson, besides these promised sermons by Dr. Truett.

You cannot afford to miss an issue. I beg you, renew your subscription now. If the subscription is not yet expired, you should renew while you can save money; and we will add your renewed subscription to your present expiration date.

### Dr. Bob Jones, Sr. Has 78th Birthday

On October 30 Dr. Bob Jones, Sr., famous evangelist and founder of Bob Jones University, was 78 years old. We wrote our congratulations and expressions of love to this great man of God, and we want to congratulate all who have had some of the blessings God has distributed through him. Very few men in a century have been so greatly blessed of God and used of God as has Dr. Jones.

Since he began preaching as a thirteen-year-old boy, he has preached about sixty-five years.

He is one of the few survivors of a great age of evangelism. He was a very close friend of Billy Sunday and Ma Sunday. He belonged to the age of R. A. Torrey, J. Wilbur Chapman, Sam Small. His campaigns were second only to those of Billy Sunday, his dear friend. Many years ago he felt bad about the newspapers playing up the results of his ministry as compared with other famous men; so he quit reporting the number of conversions. His campaigns in many cities transformed the churches and the moral life of the city. How many saloonkeepers were converted and quit the booze business! How many drunkards, atheists, and every kind of reprobate, found Christ in his meetings! In many campaigns the membership of the churches in the town or city was doubled. In one Indiana town, 3,600 people joined the churches as a result of his campaign. Although no one knows how many except the recording angel, there were surely hundreds of thousands saved under his tremendous ministry.

The founding of Bob Jones University and the growing it into the World's Most Unusual University, as it now is, with 3,600 students enrolled this year, is an amazing accomplishment.

Dr. Jones has held a consistent position against modernism and unbelief all these years. He quit the Methodist church, where he spent a lifetime, because of modernism.

Dr. Jones has had an amazing influence nation-wide. Principal leaders in the Methodist church wanted him to be a bishop, but he refused. Friends in Alabama would have elected him governor or senator, I am told. The governors of many states have been his close friends.

Dr. Jones is still a charming, vigorous speaker. We look forward to fellowship with him in a four-day conference on revival and soul winning at Grace Baptist Church, Decatur, Alabama, November 2-12, sponsored by twelve Conservative Baptist churches, and again next February 5-9, in Winston-Salem at Faith Baptist Tabernacle.

I rejoice to be a member of the Board of Bob Jones University. I thank God for the noble, strong leadership of Dr. Bob Jones, Jr., and the consecration and gift of Bob Jones, III, assistant to Bob Jones, Jr., in the University. Dr. Bob Jones, you can look back on a life greatly blessed of God, and millions of people can thank God for your faithful ministry, your Spirit-filled and uncompromising loyalty to the Word of God.

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By  
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### How to Make People Happy!

Edwin Axel Carlson—who recently went from New Britain, Connecticut, to San Diego, California—can qualify for the "Last of the Big Tippers" Society. It seems that he went into a number of restaurants along San Diego's Broadway Street and ordered coffee. Then he tipped the waitresses with one hundred dollar bills! Altogether he gave away fifteen of the century notes!

When police picked him up to question him about where he got the money, he said he recently inherited \$4,275 from his late mother and sister. The police released him.

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### Will It Be a "Best-Seller" Too?

We have great hopes that God in His mercy will see fit to bless and greatly use the editor's new book, *The Golden Path to Successful Personal Soul Winning*. In the first place, we believe that earnest people who read the book and mean business will become soul winners, literally thousands of them. Then I have found that in conferences the two subjects of greatest interest and blessing are prayer and soul winning. So I am encouraged to believe that as my book, *Prayer—Asking and Receiving*, has been printed in 182,000 copies in English, with other thousands printed in Spanish, Danish, Norwegian, French, Japanese, and Ukrainian languages, so perhaps God may find a wide field of usefulness for this book on soul winning.

We expect pastors to use it in prayer meeting study on soul winning. Women Missionary Societies and Bible classes will use it for study, no doubt. We hope that Bible institutes and Bible colleges and seminaries will find it suitable for a textbook. There are 314 pages, nearly the size of the big book on *Prayer*. It has been ten years in writing. The dear Lord knows how many prayers have ascended to Heaven for God's blessing on it! Will it be really a companion volume to the famous book, *Prayer—Asking and Receiving*? Will it be as widely recommended, as widely read, and as life-changing to thousands, as the book, *Prayer—Asking and Receiving*? We earnestly hope that it may be so. You, the readers, will have the answer. May God make the book a blessing to you.

Be sure to get a copy of the new book on soul winning as a premium gift with subscriptions now, or send \$3 plus 15c postage. Address, Sword of the Lord, Box 420, Wheaton, Illinois.

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Said Carlson in answer to why he gave the money away: "Because I wanted to make the little people happy, that's why! I gave away 15 bills—\$1,500. You should have seen each one when they received a \$100 bill. They didn't believe it was true."

Waitresses described him as a sad, unshaven man who talked about having lost his family. Said Carlson, "I was miserable. But really I don't think making people happy makes me a fool, not in my own mind."

No doubt the 15 waitresses were at least "temporarily happy" when they received the \$100 tip. However, it takes more than money to make people really happy. Some of the most miserable people in the world are the richest! Others have had a measure of happiness while poor, only to lose it when they became rich.

Happiness—or better, joy—comes only through an intimate relationship with the heavenly Father and His Son, Jesus Christ. David testified, "Thou wilt show me the path of life: in thy presence is fulness of joy; at thy right hand there are pleasures for evermore" (Ps. 16:11).

"Our income tax and big government are Siamese twins. One grabs your money, the other throws it away!"

### Pity the Poor Stomach

The Iowa Liquor Commission recently threw out 1,000 sample bottles of old whiskey. As a result, according to commission member J. C. Colburn, a plumber had to be called. It seems that the contents of the bottles ate holes in the wash-basin drain pipes!

(P. S. If it would do that to lead pipes, one wonders the effect whiskey has on the soft lining of a thirsty man's stomach! This is just another one of the thousands of reasons why the man who drinks plays the fool, just as the Bible says in Proverbs 20:1).

### Watch that Tongue!

A syndicated newspaper columnist recently asked the question, "Is it wholly a linguistic accident that the word 'tongue' is feminine in Greek, Latin, Italian, French, Spanish and German?" There is a cute expression that goes like this: "Generally speaking, women are generally speaking!"

But the truth of the matter is, men are just as prone to throw their tongues into high gear and walk off with the switch still turned on full blast.

That is why the Bible says, "He that hath knowledge spareth his words: and a man of understanding is of an excellent spirit. Even a fool, when he holdeth his peace, is counted wise: and he that shutteth his lips is esteemed a man of understanding" (Prov. 17:27, 28).

It would be well if every Christian reading these lines were to make the holy resolve of David his own, "I am purposed that my mouth shall not transgress" (Ps. 17:3).

### The Judges Are Protesting

When the National Council of Juvenile Court Judges met recently in San Francisco for their annual meeting, they unanimously adopted a resolution complaining of "television programs devoted to themes of crime, violence, brutality, sex and sadism."

Judge Henry Riederer of Kansas City, Missouri, the council's newly elected president, added his own personal complaint about TV programming, saying, "We as judges, must realize that impressionable children can react in unacceptable behavior when treated to a steady diet of blood and thunder."

Thank you, your honors; that is good preaching! We can only hope that by reproducing your sermonette here that some parents will take heed and, as a result, some little minds will be spared the permanent warping and twisting such viewing produces.

Pray for Evangelist Sumner's meetings:

November 12-19:  
Bethany Baptist Church  
3516 S. E. 14th St.  
Des Moines, Iowa

November 20-26:  
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A touching story, written nearly one hundred years ago, about how a rich English nobleman was turned to Christ by his little niece who came, unwanted, to live with him.

(Milly, the little orphan niece of Sir Edward Wentworth, comes to live with him after her mother dies. Milly likes Bible stories. Sir Edward, who has gone away from God, finds Milly interesting; a big change comes to his bachelor life on the estate in England.)

## Chapter 3

## The First Punishment

Slowly but surely little Milly was winning her uncle's favor. Her extreme docility and great fearlessness, added to her quaintness of speech and action, attracted him greatly. He became interested in watching her little figure as it flitted to and fro, and the sunny laugh and bright childish voice about the house were no longer an annoyance to him.

One day he was moved to anger by an accident that happened to a small statue in the hall and Milly was the delinquent. Her ball had rolled behind it, and both she and the dog were having a race to get it, when in the scuffle the statue came to the floor and lay there in a thousand pieces. Hearing the crash, Sir Edward came out of his study, and completely losing his temper, he turned furiously upon the child, giving vent to language that was hardly fit for her ears to hear. She stood before him with round, frightened eyes and quivering lips, her little figure upright and still, until she could bear it no longer; and then she turned and fled from him through the garden door out upon the smooth grassy lawn, where she flung herself down face foremost close to her favorite beech tree, there giving way to a burst of passionate tears.

"I didn't mean it—oh! I didn't mean to break it," she sobbed aloud. "Uncle Edward is a fearful angry man; he doesn't love me a bit. I wish I had a father! I want a father like the probable son; he wouldn't be so angry!"

And when later on nurse came, with an anxious face, to take her little charge in from the cold, wet grass, she had not the heart to scold her, for the tear-stained face was raised so pitifully to hers with the words:

"Oh, nurse, dear, carry me in your arms. No one loves me here. I've been telling God all about it. He's the only One that isn't angry."

That evening, at the accustomed time, Milly stole quietly into the dining room, wondering in her little heart whether her uncle was still angry with her.

As she climbed into her chair, now placed on the opposite side of the large table, she eyed him doubtfully through her long eyelashes; then gathering courage from the immovable expression of his face, she waited and finally spoke.

"It's a very fine night, Uncle," she said in her most cheerful tone.

"Is it?" responded Sir Edward, who was accustomed by this time to some such remark when his little niece wanted to attract his notice. Then feeling really ashamed of his outburst a few hours before, he said, by way of excusing himself, "Look here, Millicent, you made me exceedingly angry by your piece of mischief this afternoon. That statue can never be replaced, and you have destroyed one of my most valuable possessions. Let it be a warning for the future. If ever you break anything again, I shall punish you most severely. Do you understand?"

"Yes, Uncle," she answered, looking up earnestly. "You will punish me most severely. I will remember. I have been wondering why I broke it, when I didn't

mean to do it. Nurse says it was a most 'unfortunate accident.' I asked her what an accident was. She says it's a thing that happens when you don't expect it—a surprise, she called it. I'm sure it was a dreadful surprise to me, and to Fritz too; but I'll never play ball in the hall again, never!"

A week later, and Sir Edward was in his study, absorbed in his books and papers, when there was a knock at his door, and, to his astonishment, his little niece walked in.

This was against all rules and regulations and his voice was very stern when he spoke, "What is the meaning of this intrusion, Millicent? You know you are never allowed to disturb me when here."

Milly did not answer for a moment. She walked up to her uncle, her small lips tightly closed, and then, standing in front of him with clasped hands, she said,—

"I've come to tell you some dreadful news."

Sir Edward pushed aside his papers, adjusted his glasses, and saw from the pallor of the child's face and the scared expression in her eyes, that it was no light matter that had made her venture into his presence uncalled for.

"It's a dreadful surprise again," Milly continued "but I told nurse I must tell you at once. I—I felt so bad here," and her little hand was laid pathetically on her chest.

"Well, what is it? Out with it, child! You are wasting my time," said her uncle impatiently.

"I have—I have broken something else."

There was silence. Then Sir Edward asked dryly, "And what is it now?"

"It's a—a flowerpot, that the gardener's boy left outside the tool-house. I—I—well, I put it on Fritz's head for a hat, you know. He did look so funny, but he tossed up his head and ran away, and it fell, and it is smashed to bits. I have got the bits outside the door on the mat. Shall I bring them in?"

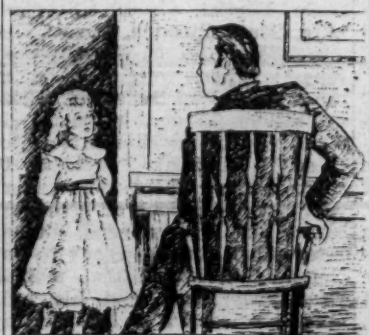
A flowerpot was of such small value in Sir Edward's eyes that he almost smiled at the child's distress.

"Well, well, you must learn not to touch the flowerpots in future. Now run away, and do not disturb me again."

But Milly stood and looked at her uncle.

"I think you have forgot, Uncle Edward. You told me that if I broke anything again you would punish me 'most severely.' Those were the words you said; don't you remember?"

Sir Edward pulled the ends of his mustache and fidgeted uneasily



"Of course you must be punished."

## Dr. Graham's N. Y. City Friends Pro-Communist

Modernist Controlled Protestant Council Which Sponsored New York Crusade Have As President and Speaker to Commemorate Billy Graham Campaign the Pro-Communist Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, Who Was

1. Sponsor of Emergency Civil Liberties Committee
2. Eulogized Communist Leader: Has Funeral in His Modernistic Church.
3. Was Member of Billy Graham Crusade Executive Committee

The matter below has not been published before in THE SWORD. But it shows the sin of tying up with infidels in the Lord's work.

(The following is a reprint of the April 13, 1958, edition of the Sunday Bulletin Supplement of the Hendrickson Avenue Bible Church, Lynbrook, N. Y.)

By Rev. Walter S. Patrick, Pastor

Dear Members and Friends:

The Protestant Council of the City of New York, which claims it has jurisdiction over 1,700 churches of 31 denominations in Greater New York, is planning to hold a Protestant Rally on May 15 in Madison Square Garden in commemoration of the Billy Graham Campaign. The main speaker at this rally is to be the new president of the Protestant Council, the Rev. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor. Every effort will be made to bring together again the huge volunteer choir, the staff of ushers, counselors and others from churches to make the rally a truly representative and united Protestant witness. A full-length technicolor film, "The Heart of a Rebel," in which Ethel Waters stars, will be shown. Now we are beginning to see some of the liberal reactions to the Billy Graham Campaign. Now eyes are beginning to be opened as to what many "got into" in said campaign of last year.

### Dr. Taylor, a Sponsor of Communist Front "Emergency Civil Liberties Committee"

Here is a picture of the man to bring the main address at this planned rally. His name is the Rev. Dr. Gardner C. Taylor, newly-elected president of the Protestant Council. He is vice-president of the Urban League of Greater New York. He was a member of the assembly of the National Council of Churches of Christ at the organization's St. Louis meeting in December, and is slated to become the new member of the New York City Board of Education.

Quietly formed in 1951, the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee was formally launched by the Communist Party five years ago, with the Rev. Dr. Gardner Calvin Taylor as one of its sponsors. The E. C. L. C., which is the most active Communist organization in the United States today, was launched at a three-day meeting which was convened in the First Presbyterian Church in New York City. There were no voices in New York City's Protestantism raised in protest against the use of church premises for the launching of a Communist organization, even though the left-wing Committee for Cultural Freedom branded it as a Communist front prior to its convention.

In November, 1957, the House Committee on Un-American Activities published a special report on the Emergency Civil Liberties Committee which declared that the

in his chair. He always prided himself upon being a man of his word, but much regretted at the present moment that he had been so rash in his speech.

"Oh! ah! I remember," he said at length, meeting his little niece's anxious gaze with some embarrassment. Then pulling himself together, he added sternly, "Of course you must be punished; it was exceedingly careless and mischievous. What does your nurse do when she punishes you?"

"She never does punish me—now," said Milly plaintively. "When I was a very little girl I used to stand in the corner. I don't think nurse has punished me for years."

Sir Edward was in a dilemma; children's punishments were quite

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prototype of the new Communist man."

That was the official eulogy of the Communist Party, U. S. A. And, to that eulogy, the Protestant leadership of New York City added that he was one who "dared to dream and work for the new world."

Among the pallbearers were Communist Party leaders Benjamin Davis, James W. Ford, Claude Lightfoot, Louis Burnham, and William L. Patterson.

Using a Christian Church for the burial rites of one of its leaders reflects the current line of the Communist Party, the chief aspect of which is to get its conspiratorial apparatus back into the main stream of American life—to end, at whatever necessary compromise of principle, its isolation of recent years.—The Christian Beacon.

### Will Bible-Believers Continue in This Unequal Yoke Into Which Dr. Graham Led Them?

Now the question is: Will those who supported the Graham Campaign, with its "mixed multitude" of fundamentalists, liberals and modernists, go along with the Protestant Council's planned rally? How can they refuse? They are now "tarred with the same stick." They can't very well pull out now; that would be inconsistent.

At the urging and persuasion of Dr. Graham, thousands of good old-fashioned fundamentalists united together with the Protestant Council, and that Council is now depending upon them to continue. What will the end result be? The line of separation is gradually being removed. The public will less be able to discern between fundamentalism and out-and-out modernism.

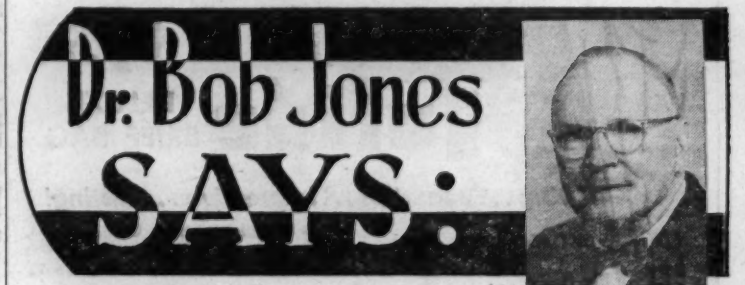
This pastor has been condemned in no uncertain terms for his stand. It was not my stand; it was the Lord's—and the truth of the entire matter is now coming to light. We're anxious now to see just what our brothers in Christ (the fundamentalists who were sucked into the Graham campaign) will do. Three leaders in fundamental ranks are now crying: "We've been double-crossed by the Protestant Council!" What did they expect? Now Satan is beginning to exert his influence, and for every soul saved in the campaign a thousand are going to be left in confusion, not knowing who's who or what's what—thanks to our shifting fundamentalist brethren.

At least this pastor has done his duty before God: informing his congregation from pulpit and pen regarding the machinations of the Protestant Council. From now on you're going to see a lot of squirming on the part of our fundamental brethren. It's still not too late to "come out from among them and be ye SEPARATE."

YOUR PASTOR

(Walter S. Patrick)

(Dr. Gardner C. Taylor was a member of the New York Crusade Executive Committee)



I quote from a letter from a soul-winning pastor who was trained in Bob Jones University. This is what this former student writes: "Our church is increasing in number; souls are being saved; and there is a wonderful spirit among God's people. God gave us wisdom in taking a real stand, and it has been rewarding, for one thing that is most important in this work is to be faithful under pressure. We are constantly being pressured to conform and compromise. How grateful we are for the training at Bob Jones University, and how important this training has been in our work here. I thank the Lord for the strong emphasis placed on God's Word and on personal soul winning."

My friends, if you know the

Lord and if you could see the letters that come to our desks from former students of Bob Jones University, you would understand how we just have to keep on keeping on. The University which God led us to found is a miracle, and it is miraculous how its influence has gone out to the ends of the earth. You can help us in this work. You can pray daily for the school. You can recommend the school to the right kind of young people so they can be trained for Christian leadership. You can invest some of the Lord's money in the work here. Won't you let us hear from you? Please do. Thank you, and God bless you.

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By Jessie Rice Sandberg



A Column for Wives and Mothers

By Jessie Rice Sandberg

**"If Only . . ."**

Most of us spend at least some part of our lives reviewing things that are already past, and all too often our reflections include a regretful, "If only I had known how things would turn out!"

Once when our little daughter Carol was very small I had occasion to repeat to myself that futile "if only . . ." over and over again. I had allowed Carol to play on the basement steps while I was doing a washing, since she was already quite skilled at stair climbing. I reasoned that if she should happen to fall, I would be right below where I could either catch her or break her fall. However, in the process of opening the door to the kitchen at the top of the stairs, she lost her balance and fell, not down the steps but underneath the guardrail, plunging headfirst to the cement floor below. I could not get to her in time, of course, and soon we were rushing her to the hospital where it was discovered that she suffered a fractured skull.

For weeks and weeks I tormented myself with foolish speculation as to how things might have been. "If only I had done my washing on Tuesday instead of Monday," I said. "If only I had kept my little girl off the stairs! If only I had watched her more closely, etc., etc., etc." All my self-criminations were useless because they were too late. The damage had been done. There is no way any of us can make the wheels of time go backward. I am happy to say that the Lord restored our little girl to full health without any after effects whatever, for which we were very grateful. Still, the

anxiety and expense of such an experience are not soon forgotten.

Just last week a little 7-year-old girl in a nearby community was murdered by a 13-year-old boy. Any crime where the criminal and victim are both children seems unbelievably tragic, but this one seemed even more so because nearly everyone concerned with either the young murderer or the little girl had a poignant "if only . . ." to add to the sadness of the story. The boy's stepfather regretted that he had not spent more time with his son. The girl's father agonizingly rebuked himself for having sent a little child out to buy cigarettes after sundown. (Perhaps he even wished he had never learned to smoke!) The pastor of the good evangelical church which the boy had attended said he felt the tragedy would not have occurred "if only . . ." the boy had kept coming to church. No doubt the Sunday School teacher who spent an hour with the boy in jail said to himself, "If only I had worked just a little harder to win him to Christ, etc." I can imagine that the boy's mother even now repeats to herself a thousand wishes that this or that had been done differently in the past thirteen years, as the boy was growing up.

I have often wondered how many times Adam said to himself, "If only I had listened to God instead of Satan . . ." or if perhaps David tortured himself with the thought of how differently his children might have turned out had he not given in to temptation during that one sleepless night.

And what of Pilate who failed to heed the urgent warning of his wife, "Have nothing to do with this just man"? Saddest of all must be that bitter wail in Hell of the millions who cry, "If only I had listened to the pleading of my loved ones! If only I had turned from my sin! If only I had given my life to Christ while there was still time!"

All the regrets and tears we may shed about what might have been will not change history. The past is gone. But perhaps the Lord in His mercy will help us to take warning to do what we can do and ought to do while there is still time.

## Evangelists

REPORTS FROM AMERICA'S OUTSTANDING SOUL WINNERS

**EVANGELIST GLEN H. SCHUNK**, 10 Blythewood Drive, Greenville, South Carolina, held a Union Campaign in Jones, Michigan, August 13-27 with seven fundamental pastors co-operating in this Annual Jones Evangelistic Campaign. During the meeting 50 persons were saved, 48 others came for assurance and rededication and many Christians made decisions to win souls. Rev. Paul MacMillan, pastor of Porter Baptist Church, says "I would like to recommend Evangelist Glen Schunk to other such groups who are interested in union campaigns."

Evangelist Schunk, also, held an eight day campaign at the Faith Baptist Church in Pekin, Illinois, where Rev. Henry C. Sorenson is pastor. There were 21 decisions for salvation, 9 for family altar, 18 for soul winning and 63 rededications during the meeting.

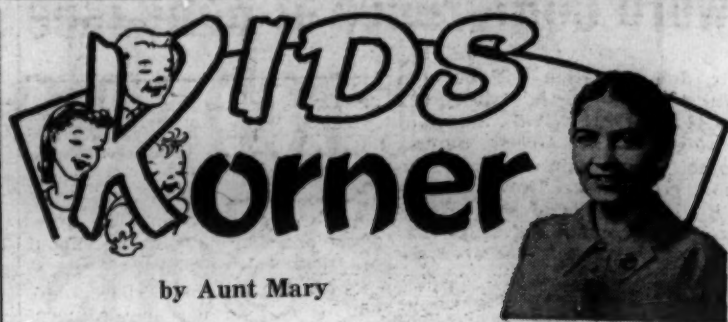
**EVANGELIST DEL FEHSENFELD**, 6427 Wyandotte, Kansas City 13, Missouri, closed a meeting September 24 at the Fellowship Free Will Baptist Church in Durham, North Carolina. There were 12 first-time decisions, 50 rededications and 49 young people who took a definite stand for Christ. The pastor, Rev. Lonnie Graves, says that the church was revived in all phases of Christian service. He says, "Brother 'Del' knows the need of Christians living a separated life and preaches very clearly along these lines."

**EVANGELIST DON WILSON**, Route 3, Taylors, South Carolina, held a revival meeting September 22-October 1 at the El Vista Baptist Church, Peoria, Illinois. Rev. Ernie Bloom, pastor, reports 14 conversions, 1 who came for assurance of salvation, 1 young person who dedicated her life to full-time Christian service and 28 rededications of life among Christians. Brother Bloom says "Brother Wilson is an aggressive soul-winning evangelist and preaches boldly against sin. He stands without apology in his preaching compromising and modernism."

**EVANGELIST FRANK DUNCAN**, P. O. Box 127, Grover, North Carolina, held a revival September 25-October 1 at the McLeansville Baptist Church, McLeansville, North Carolina. Rev. B. W. Kallam, pastor, reports 31 professions of faith, 52 rededications, 21 additions by baptism and 17 who agreed to tithe.

**EVANGELIST JACK VAN IMPE**, 14 Gage Street, Pontiac 16, Michigan, conducted an evangelistic campaign at the Garfield Avenue Baptist Church, Milwaukee, Wisconsin, September 17-24. Dr. William E. Kuhnle, pastor, reports 65 decisions for salvation and 61 for dedication, restoration, or assurance of salvation. The closing night the building was crowded to capacity with well over 700 in attendance.

**EVANGELIST ZELFRED SMITH**, Route 5, Corinth, Mississippi, held an eight-day evangelistic meeting October 1-8 at the Lone Rock Baptist Church of New Lisbon, Wisconsin. Delford Day, pastor, reports that there were a number of decisions among Christians and several souls saved. He heartily recommends Evangelist Smith for his concern for the lost.

**EVANGELIST BOB MANDER**

by Aunt Mary

What a rugged week this has been at the Himes house! Uncle Chuck has been away in a meeting, preaching for the Lord Jesus. I have been sick in bed and the children have done a great deal of the cooking, ironing, and waiting on Mother.

Already I had been leaning hard on verses from Psalm 34 reminding me to "rest in the Lord . . . Trust also in him." I have learned three songs that have these verses as their basis and alone at night I sing them quietly to myself. Have you heard our editor's song,

"Resting sweetly in His promise,  
Rest my soul on what He said.  
Trusting fully, wholly trusting,  
In the price my Saviour paid."

I have been resting in the Lord Jesus. But this week Andy got hurt at school, and the school nurse brought him home, battered and upset with two front teeth broken when he hit the playground.

He sat on my bed and I tried to comfort him. And Andy cried, "But Mother, why did it have to happen to me?"

It was easier to say, "Andy, I don't know, but I do know the Lord allowed it to happen. Let's learn what He has for you in it."

That was just what I had been learning myself: Mary, learn what God has for you in being sick.

I think I know some of the good that has come from my be-

**SON**, Box 100, Fallston, Maryland, held a revival September 7-17 in the Rosemont Brethren Church in Martinsburg, West Virginia. There were 28 first-time decisions and 49 rededications of life, according to Robert L. Triggs, who sent us the report.

**REV. RICK INGLE**, pastor of East Side Baptist Church, Arlington, Texas, closed a one-week revival meeting October 1 with the Memorial Baptist Chapel, Denton, Texas. There were 20 professions of faith, 10 uniting with the church on promise of letter and one young man who surrendered for full-time Christian service. Jim Angel, pastor, heartily recommends Brother Ingle to any church who wants real revival.

**EVANGELIST LEWIS BUTTON**, 309 Hazel Avenue, Salisbury, Maryland, held a two-week revival meeting recently in the Dover Bible Church, Dover, Ohio. Pastor Bob Wood reports that in this small church there were 8 people saved, 5 families starting family altars, 3 families started to tithe, and a number of other good decisions made. He heartily recommends Evangelist Button as a real evangelist and revivalist.

**EVANGELIST PAUL H. BLACK**, P. O. Box 612, Salisbury, North Carolina, held a revival September 27-October 8 at the Fellowship Baptist Church, Hampton, Virginia, where Rev. Charles O. Thompson is pastor. There were 38 saved, 10 united with the church, 4 were baptized and there were many rededications.

**EVANGELIST PAUL H. BLACK**, P. O. Box 612, Salisbury, North Carolina, was in the Tabernacle Baptist Church, Spartanburg, South Carolina, August 27-September 10. Carl Gibbs, pastor, report: "There were 17 saved in the home, 12 on the street, 16 rededications, 21 saved in the church, 7 united with the church (some of these by baptism), 2 promised to start tithing. There were others who made decisions of giving up certain sins. I recommend, without reservation, Brother Black to any church that wants real revival. Evangelist Black and his wife make a wonderful revival meeting team and can help any pastor who wants revival."

ing ill; other things I am not aware of.

But I can still assure Andy that Romans 8:28 is true: "And we know that all things work together for good to them that love God, to them who are the called according to his purpose."

You will enjoy today's chapter of *Probable Sons*.



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Thursday afternoon Dr. Hyles will give his greatly used lessons

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On Thursday and Friday there will be two services in the morning starting at 9:30, one period in the afternoon beginning at 2:00 and two services in the evening beginning at 6:45.

If you live in the Northern Illinois-Indiana area be sure to attend as many sessions of this conference as possible.

### Life Reading

I am my neighbor's Bible  
He reads me when we meet.  
Today he reads me in my home,  
Tomorrow in the street.  
He may be relative or friend,  
Or slight acquaintance be;  
He may not even know my name,  
Yet he is reading me.

—Selected

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only for them but in five minutes I am going to be with them," and plunged down the hill to join the battle against the overwhelming forces of the Northern Army.

The lesson is obvious. It is one thing to be "for" something and another thing to be joined in the battle.

Mr. Edmund Burke said, "The only thing necessary for the triumph of evil is that good men do nothing." In spiritual matters as well as in the battle illustration it is the person who does something about it that will help to actually win the victory.

There are many folk today that are "for" soul winning but never do any. There are thousands of Christians who are against modernism in their churches but are afraid to stand "for" what is right. The great flood of compromise could be stemmed if those who are "for" the fundamentals of the faith would really take a stand. So many are not willing to lose friends to stand up for their convictions.

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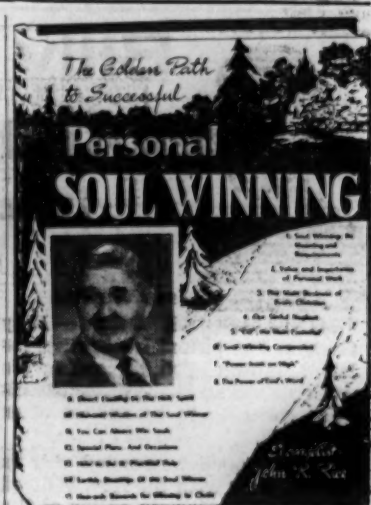
ual battle now being waged. All across America there are tens of thousands of Christians who really are not for the kind of wishy-washy attitude of Christian leaders today. But many of them have never been enlisted into a program that will do something about it.

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By the Editor

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### Contest Sermons Must Meet These Conditions

1. They must be addressed to the unsaved and intended to bring conviction, or to bring a lost sinner to repentance and saving faith in Christ. We print many sermons to Christians and sermons on soul winning, doctrine and Christian duty, but such sermons, except as they have strong evangelistic impact on the unsaved, will not be considered in this contest.

2. Sermons must be original, that is, your own, not some other man's sermon.

3. They must be typewritten on one side only, double spaced, with one-inch margins.

4. No exact size is required, but sermons should be from 2,500 words to 5,000 words, perhaps, or from six to fourteen pages, typewritten, double spaced. The size suggested is not an absolute rule, but is suggestive.

5. Sermons, of course, must be from the historic Christian viewpoint of Bible believers. Scriptures should be quoted from some reliable translation like the King James Version or the American Standard Version, not the R. S. V. or Moffatt's or Phillips', which are unreliable. The Expanded Version or the Amplified New Testament are not preferable.

### Don't Make These Mistakes!

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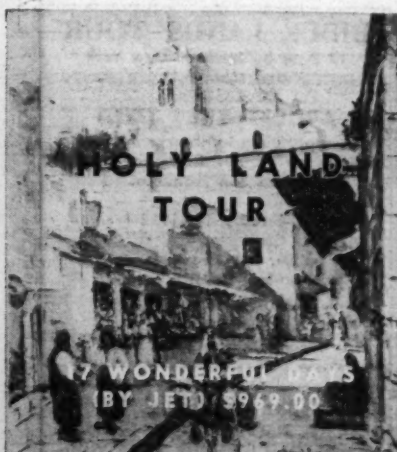
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# Billy Graham Okays Baptismal Regeneration

Lutheran Editor Quotes Dr. Graham  
on Sprinkling of Babies

Religious News Service

MINNEAPOLIS, Minn.—Billy Graham has picked his brother-in-law, Leighton Ford, to head up his work should an evangelistic association continue to be needed after his death.

The evangelist revealed this in an interview with the Rev. Wilfred Bockelman, associate editor of the *Lutheran Standard*, American Lutheran Church organ published here.

Dr. Graham considers Mr. Ford "the most scholarly evangelist in the world today," Mr. Bockelman wrote in the Oct. 10 issue of the *Standard*.

In his article, entitled "A Lutheran Looks at Billy Graham," Mr. Bockelman said his interview convinced him that the doctrinal differences that exist between Lutherans and Mr. Graham, a Southern Baptist, "are not nearly as great as one might suppose."

"Those that do exist are for the most part differences in terminology," he wrote.

"One would assume that, as a Southern Baptist, Dr. Graham would be opposed to infant baptism," Mr. Bockelman commented, but he discovered that all of the evangelist's children with excep-

tion of the youngest were baptized as infants. (Mrs. Graham and the children are Presbyterians).

The Bockelman article quoted Mr. Graham as follows:

"I have some difficulty in accepting the indiscriminate baptism of infants without a careful regard as to whether the parents have any intention of fulfilling the promise they make.

"But I do believe that something happens at the baptism of an infant, particularly if the parents are Christians and teach their children Christian truths from childhood.

"We cannot fully understand the miracles of God, but I believe a miracle can happen in these children so that they are regenerated, that is, made Christian, through infant baptism. If you want to call that baptismal regeneration, that's all right with me."

## (Editorial Comment)

The above article is given exactly as sent out by the Religious News Service. It will be shocking to all Baptists and to nearly all other earnest Bible believers as well.

This article will give great com-

fort to millions of unconverted church members who were simply sprinkled as babies and believe this will take them to Heaven. They, of course, will believe that the evangelist is talking to someone else when he preaches, "Ye must be born again."

It seems obvious that one of two things has happened. Either Dr. Graham has changed his theology and believes that baptism or sprinkling saves, or the clear Bible teaching that salvation is by personal faith in Christ is of lesser importance to Dr. Graham than maintaining the support of Lutheran and other pedobaptists.

# The Destruction of Sennacherib

(Read Isaiah chapters 36 and 37)

The Assyrian came down like the wolf on the fold,  
And his cohorts were gleaming in purple and gold;  
And the sheen of their spears was like stars on the sea,  
When the blue wave rolls nightly on deep Galilee.

Like the leaves of the forest when Summer is green,  
That host with their banners at sunset were seen:  
Like the leaves of the forest when Autumn hath blown,  
That host on the morrow lay withered and brown.

For the Angel of Death spread his wings on the blast,  
And breathed in the face of the foe as he passed;  
And the eyes of the sleepers waxed deadly and chill,  
And their hearts but once heaved—and forever grew still!

And there lay the steed with his nostril all wide,  
But through it there rolled not the breath of his pride;  
And the foam of his gasping lay white on the turf,  
And cold as the spray of the rock-beating surf.

And there lay the rider distorted and pale,  
With the dew on his brow, and the rust on his mail:  
And the tents were all silent—the banners alone—  
The lances unlifted—the trumpet unblown.

And the widows of Ashur are loud in their wail,  
And the idols are broke in the temple of Baal;  
And the might of the Gentile, unsmote by the sword,  
Hath melted like snow in the glance of the Lord!

—Lord Byron

# Drama of the Ages

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by the high priest to make an atonement for his own sins. The Old Testament priest was a sinner and it was necessary for him to make atonement for his own sins. Jesus Christ, our Great High Priest, was sinless and when He gave Himself on the Cross it was for the people only. We are beneficiaries of the undivided value of Jesus' blood. After the Old Testa-

ment priest went back into the Holy of Holies and sprinkled the blood of the bullock in the presence of God's Manifested Glory, he came out and cast lots to determine which of the goats should be sacrificed.

After the blood of the goat was sprinkled in the Holy of Holies in the presence of the Shekinah Glory, the high priest came to the door of the tabernacle and laid his hands upon the head of the living goat. By so doing he was identifying himself and his people with that animal. He then confessed that he was a sinner and that his people were sinners. In a typical sense he was placing their sins upon that goat. The goat, which was known as a "scapegoat," was turned over to another priest and was led outside the camp into the wilderness and was released out there. In a typical sense he was bearing away the sins of the people.

I believe that John had this Old Testament ceremony in mind when he pointed to Jesus and said, "Behold, the Lamb of God which taketh away the sins of the world."

But if man had not been a sinner, he would have had no need of a Sin-Bearer. So I call your attention to the fact of sin. I do not have to prove the fact of sin. Sin is a fact so evident it needs no argument.

## Sin Is a Fact of Human Experience

Sin is evidenced by human experience. The best of you has sinned. The best man living on the earth was born with a sinful nature and has committed sin. The purest, finest, most virtuous, most refined, most devout woman who ever lived was a sinner by nature, a sinner by practice, and a sinner by choice. You have experienced sin. You had as well deny the fact of pain as to deny the fact of sin.

In a revival meeting in Detroit some years ago a man came forward and said to me, "I am a world's champion professional ski jumper. Last winter I fell on skis and was badly injured. I was taken to a hospital. My people came and told me that I was in error. They told me that I was not hurt, but that I just thought I was hurt. You see, I was reared a Christian Scientist. I was taught from the time I was a little child that there was no such thing as pain and no such thing as sin. But that fall broke the spell of hypnosis that had been cast over me. I knew I was hurt."

That reminds me of the little boy who said, "Mother, do you know the sick lady down the street?"

"The lady who thinks she is sick, dear," answered his mother. "Well," said the little fellow, "she thinks she is dead now."

The man in Detroit said, "Since I have been willing to admit the reality of pain, I have been unable to get away from the fact of sin."

## War, a Result of Sin

You had as well say there is no war as to say there is no sin. War is a result of sin. I am not

a Pacifist. I believe there are times when it is right to fight. But war is the result of sin.

We fought World War I to make the world safe for democracy. We fought against the tyranny of Kaiser Wilhelm who ran ruthlessly over little nations like Belgium. I remember that the Germans were only ten miles from Paris in 1918. I was a little fellow just nine years of age living in Texas, but I used to go down to the post office every day to look at the war map on the bulletin board down there. When the Germans were just outside of the city limits of Paris, President Woodrow Wilson called this nation to a day of prayer.

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That is why we had to fight  
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## Probable Sons

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unknown to him. Milly seemed to guess at his difficulty.

"How were you punished when you were a little boy, Uncle?"

"I used to be well thrashed. Many is the whipping that I have had from my father!"

"What is a whipping—like you gave Fritz when he ran away last week?"

"Yes."

There was a pause. The child clasped her little hands tighter, and set her lips firmer, as she saw before her eyes a strong arm dealing very heavy strokes with a riding whip. Then she said in an awe-struck tone,

"And do you think that is how you had better punish me?"

Sir Edward smiled grimly as he looked at the baby figure standing so erect before him.

"No," he said; "I do not think you are a fit subject for that kind of treatment."

Milly heaved a sigh of relief.

"And don't you know how to punish?" she said after some minutes of awkward silence. There was commiseration in her tone. The situation was becoming ludicrous to Sir Edward, though there was a certain amount of annoyance at feeling his inability to carry out his threat.

"Nurse told me," continued his little niece gravely, "that she knew a little boy who was shut up in a dark cupboard for a punishment; but he was found nearly dead, and really died the next day, from fright. There is a dark cupboard on the kitchen stairs. I don't think I should be very frightened, because God will be in their with me. Do you think that would do?"

This was not acceptable. The child went on with knitted brows:

"I expect the Bible will tell you how to punish. I remember a man who picked up sticks on Sunday—he was stoned dead; and Elisha's servant was made a leper, and some children were killed by a bear, and a prophet by a lion, and Annas and Sophia were struck dead. All of them were punished 'most severely,' weren't they? If you forgave me a little bit, and left out the 'most severely,' it would make it easier, I expect."

"Perhaps I might do that," said poor Sir Edward, who by this time longed to dispense with the punishment altogether; "as it was only a flowerpot. I will leave out the 'most severely.'"

Milly's face brightened.

"I think," she said, coming up to him and laying one hand on his knee—"I think if I were to

go to bed instead of coming down to eat with you this evening, that would punish me; don't you think so?"

"Very well, that will do. Now run away, and let this be the last time you break things. I cannot be worried with your punishments."

"I will try to be very good, nurse, always," said Milly while being tucked up in bed that night, "because Uncle Edward is very puzzled when he has to punish me. He doesn't know what to do. He looked quite unhappy and said it worried him."

And Sir Edward as he finished his dinner in silence and solitude muttered to himself, "That child is certainly a great nuisance at times, but, upon my word, I quite miss her this evening. Children after all are original, if they are nothing else, and she is one of the most original that I have ever met."

It was Sunday morning, and Sir Edward was just starting for church. As he stood in the hall buttoning a glove, a little voice came to him from the staircase:

"Uncle Edward, may I come down and speak to you?"

Permission being given, Milly danced down the stairs, and then, slipping her little hand into her uncle's, she lifted a coaxing face to his.

"Will you take me to church with you? Nurse thinks I'm almost big enough now, and I have been to church in the afternoon sometimes."

Sir Edward hesitated. "If you come, you will fidget, I expect. I cannot stand that."

"I will sit as still as a mouse. I won't fidget."

"If you behave badly I shall never take you again. Yes, you may come. Be quick and get ready."

A few moments after, Sir Edward and his little niece were walking down the avenue, she clasping a large Bible under her arm, and trying in vain to match her steps with his.

The squire's pew was one of the old-fashioned high ones, and Milly's head did not reach the top of it. Very quiet and silent she was during the service, and very particular to follow her uncle's example in every respect, though she nearly upset his gravity at the outset by taking off her hat in imitation of him and covering her face with it. But when the sermon commenced her large dark eyes were riveted on the clergyman as he gave out the text so well known to her:

"I will arise and go to my father, and will say unto him, Father, I have sinned against heaven, and before thee, and am no more worthy to be called thy son"; and though the sermon was half an hour in length, her gaze never left the pulpit.

"Uncle Edward," she said, when their steps at length turned homeward, "do you know, I heard all the sermon, and understood it pretty well except the long words? Wasn't it nice to hear about the probable son?"

"Prodigal," you mean. Cannot you pronounce your words properly?"

Sir Edward's tone was irritable. He had not been feeling very comfortable under the good vicar's words.

"I can't say that; I always forget it. Nurse says one long word is as good as another sometimes. Uncle, what did the clergyman mean by people running away from God? No one does, do they?"

"A great many do," was the dry response.

"But how can they? Because God is everywhere. No one can't get away from God, and why do they want to? Because God loves them so."

"Why did the prodigal want to get away?"

Milly considered.

"I s'pose he wanted to have some a—ventures, don't you call

World War II. We fought on the right side. We fought on God's side, but we had to fight because of our backsliding and our sin. I knew when the Germans were running rampant across Western Europe that God had a line out there somewhere. Just so far He would

them? I play at that, you know. All sorts of things happen to me before I sit down at the beech tree, but—but it's so different with God. Why, I should be fearful unhappy if I got away from Him. I couldn't could I, Uncle? Who would take care of me and love me when I'm asleep? And who would listen to my prayers? Why, Uncle Edward, I think I should die of fright if I got away from God. Do tell me I couldn't."

Milly had stopped short, and grasped hold of Sir Edward's coat in her growing excitement. He glanced at her flushed cheeks and sparkling eyes.

"You foolish child, there is no fear of your getting away from God. Don't be so excitable. We will change the subject. I want to see Maxwell, so we will go through the woods."

Maxwell was Sir Edward's head game-keeper, and a little later found them at his pretty cottage at the edge of the woods. It was Milly's first visit, and Mrs. Maxwell, a motherly-looking body, greeted her with such a sunshiny smile that the child drew near to her instinctively.

"What a lovely room," she exclaimed, looking round the homely little kitchen with a child's admiring eyes, "and what a beautiful cat! May I stroke her?"

Assent being given, Milly was soon seated in a large cushioned chair, a fat tabby cat on her lap, and while Sir Edward was occupied with his keeper she was making fast friends with the wife.

"Uncle Edward," she said, when they had taken their leave and were again on their way home, "Mrs. Maxwell has asked me to come over to her house tomorrow. May I—all by myself?"

"Ask your nurse; I have no objection."

"I should love to live in her house," continued the child eagerly; "it is all among the trees, and I love trees. And the woods are so lovely. Why, I might get lost in it, mightn't I? I have never been here before. In my storybooks, children always get lost in woods. Uncle Edward, do you think the trees talk to one another? I always think they do. Look at them now. They are just shaking their heads together and whispering, aren't they? Whispering very gently today, because it is Sunday. Sometimes they get angry with one another and scream, but I like to hear them hum and sing best. Nurse says it's the wind that makes them do it. Don't you like to hear them? When I lie in bed I listen to them around the house, and I always want to sing with them. Nurse doesn't like it. She says it's the wind moaning. I think it's the trees singing to God, and I love them when they do it. Which do you think it is?"

And so Milly chatted on, and Sir Edward listened, and put in a word or two occasionally, and on the whole did not find his small niece bad company. He told her when they entered the house that she could go to church every Sunday morning in future with him, and that sent Milly to the nursery with a radiant face, there to confide to nurse that she had had a "lovely time," and was going to visit with "Mrs. Maxwell in the woods" as often as she might.

(To be continued)

(From the Moody Colportage book, PROBABLE SONS, 39c.)

## Drama of the Ages

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let old Hitler goosestep before he had to go back in the other direction. I knew when he slew six million of the people to whom God said, "I will bless them that bless thee, and curse him that curseth thee" (Gen. 12:3) he had pulled the curse of God down upon his head.

### Undeserving Nations

But it was the luckiest thing that ever happened to America that we were on God's side. This nation did not deserve to be on God's side. She had gone too far from God. And Godless, atheistic, communistic Russia, with her right hand upraised in defiance of Almighty God, did not deserve to be on the right side. God will deal with Russia. "The wheels of God grind exceedingly slow, but they grind exceeding fine."

### Sin Retroactive

God will deal with America. The only thing that will save this nation is a turning back to God through the Lord Jesus Christ. I am not so afraid of bombs from Russia as I am of the retroactive influence of sin in the lives of American people. If this country goes on as it has been going since World War II, in religious compromise, political chicanery, and sinful indulgence, Russia will not need to attack us. All she will need to do is to wait till the whole world is rotten. Then Great Babylon will arise. You had as well


say there is no divorce mill grinding, no crime wave rolling, no juvenile delinquency increasing, and no liquor industry booming as to say there is no sin.

### A Fact of Observation

Sin is a fact of observation. Look all about you! Whence all the suffering and sorrow? It is the result of sin. Oh, sin is to blame for it all! Men are sinners. They sin willfully, they sin professionally, they sin systematically, they sin individually, they sin socially, they sin naturally until every stream that flows is stained with human crime, and every breeze that blows is tainted with the breath of sin.

Sin, a cruel warrior, has marched down through the years leaving in his wake a trail of blood, tears, sweat, disease, and pain. He has left physical pain, mental misery, and spiritual suffering. He has wrought distress, grief, heartache, twinge, pang, tribulation, wretchedness and woe. In his ruthless stampede he crushed the beautiful Garden of Eden and destroyed and cursed the race with his awful stigma. Since that day men have had to dig graves, build orphan homes, hospitals, asylums, penitentiaries, and jails. They have had to make laws for the prevention of crime, and hire police to enforce the laws. They have had to organize armies for national defense, and their armies have had to go out and suffer, fight, and die. Labor has had to organize to keep capital from imposing upon it; and in so doing, very often it has imposed

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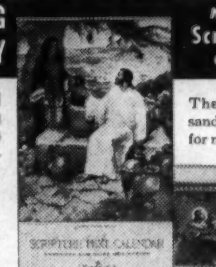
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upon capital. I'll tell you, sin has blighted the world like an awful pestilence.

### A Fact of Revelation

Sin is a fact of revelation. The Bible says, "For there is no difference, for all have sinned and come short of the glory of God" (Rom. 3:23). The first sin effected the moral ruin of the race. All the sons of men have been born with a sinful nature. It is a nature spoiled by sin, depraved and rebellious. If there is anything divine about you it is because you, by simple faith, have accepted Jesus Christ as your personal Saviour. Since you were born with a sinful nature and if you have rejected Jesus Christ, you are in a sinful state. By that I mean that there is no good thing in you. Furthermore, you are guilty of the continual practice of the acts of sin.

### Man's Diagnosis

God, the all-wise Physician, lays humanity out on the examining

table and looks it over. He examines humanity from head to foot and says, "From the sole of the foot even unto the head there is no soundness in it; but wounds, and bruises, and putrifying sores; they have not been closed, neither bound up, neither mollified with ointment" (Isa. 1:6). He looks in the throat of humanity and says, "Their throat is an open sepulchre" (Rom. 3:13a). He examines the tongue and says, "With their tongues they have used deceit" (Rom. 3:13b). He pulls back the lips and looks under them and says, "The poison of asps is under their lips" (Rom. 3:13c). He takes another look in the mouth of man and says, "His mouth is full of cursing and bitterness" (Rom. 3:14). He looks at man's eyes and says, "There is no fear of God before their eyes" (Rom. 3:18). He takes a close look at the feet and says, "Their feet are swift to shed blood" (Rom. 3:15). He gets out His stethoscope and listens to man's heartbeat and says, "The heart is deceitful above all things"

(Jer. 17:9). So he makes a complete cardiogram and pronounces man's heart "desperately wicked."

Someone asks, "Doctor, is there any hope for the patient?" The great Physician answers, "There is no hope for him as he is. The only thing that will save him is a new birth. He must be born again. The first time he was born he was born a sinner; he was born of the flesh and that which is born of the flesh is flesh. He must be born again. He must be born of the Spirit or he will die the second death."

### The World in Sin

The world is in sin, and the world is judged: "Now is the judgment of this world" (John 12:31). Jesus did not come to condemn the world (John 3:17). The world was condemned the day the first pair were beguiled in the garden and King Death began his wicked reign. The world was condemned that day when the subtle serpent ceased to walk uprightly and was made to crawl upon his belly in the dust of the ground. It was condemned when God said, "Cursed is the ground for thy sake."

### The Demands of Justice

Justice demands the wages of sin. Socrates said, "God may forgive sin, but I can't see how He can do it." Socrates was a pagan philosopher and knew nothing of the Gospel, so it isn't strange that he should reason like that. It is true that if God is holy, He is just, and justice calls for the wages of sin. Ritschl said, "The honor of God does not permit Him to forgive sinners out of pity." Justice had to be satisfied, therefore Jesus died. He took our place: "The Just for the unjust" (1 Pet. 3:18).

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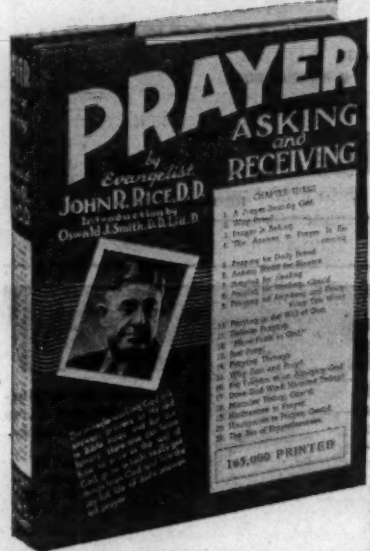
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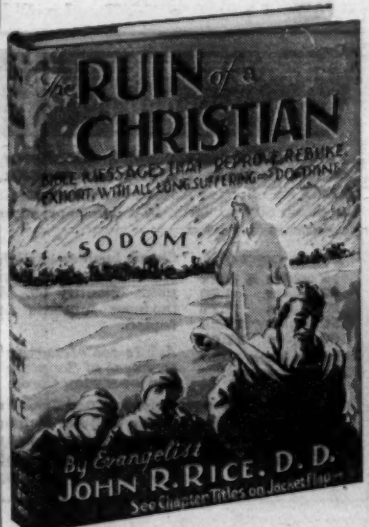
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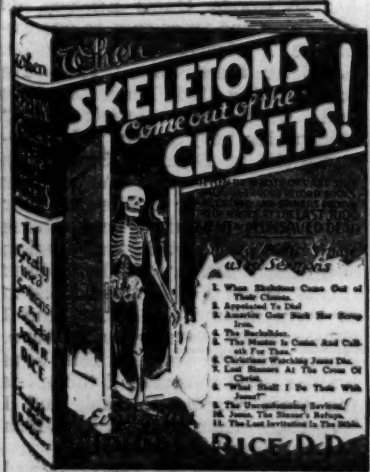
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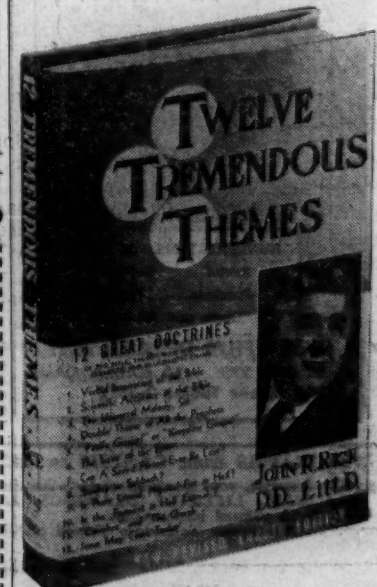
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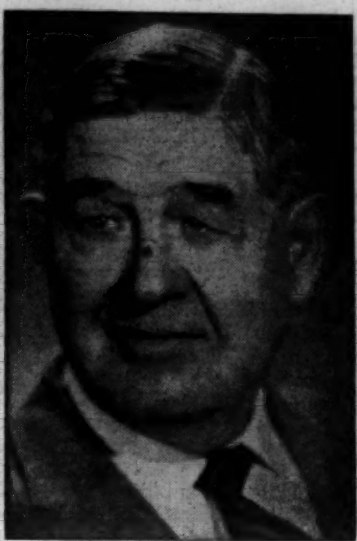
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tice that several local congregations are each called a church, not fractions nor branches of a mother church. Each local assembly was completely and separately a church.

But the assembly of Christ which will be called out to meet Christ at the rapture and will be gathered in the heavenly Jerusalem is also called a church (Heb. 12:22, 23). The church in that sense includes all the saved people. In this sense the word *church* is synonymous with the body of Christ as you will see from Ephesians 1:22, 23 and Colossians 1:18. That is, the sense in which the word *church* is used here. It refers to the great assembly of Christians who will be called out to meet Christ, all the firstborn whose names are written in Heaven (Heb. 12:23).

### Christ Is Now Building His Church

Again notice the words "I will build." Literally the translation might be better, "I will be building," indicating a continuous process. The Lord is *not* discussing the origin or beginning of His church, but the process of its growth. Some argue that the church was "founded" during the ministry of Christ when He called out the apostles or others baptized



Dr. John R. Rice

by John the Baptist. But they have in mind an earthly and denominational matter to which the Scripture here surely does not refer at all. Dr. Scofield and other good scholars speak of Pentecost as the birthday of the church. However, the Bible never mentions, not one time, any point as being the time when the church was founded or originated or begun. If the Bible never tells when it began, then it is foolish for us to argue for it. Men who set a time for the beginning of the church usually intend to use it to back up some other pet doctrine or to boost their own particular denomination. It seems clear from I Corinthians 15:51 and I Thessalonians 4:14-17 that all the saved of all ages will be gathered up to meet Christ and will assemble at the heavenly Jerusalem as described in Hebrews 12:22, 23. If so, then the first soul saved (either Adam or Eve, we think), was the beginning of the church, the body of Christ.

At any rate, Christ is now building His church. The growing of this church, or body of Christ, or "household of God" (Eph. 2:19), or "building" (Eph. 2:21), or "holy temple in the Lord" (Eph. 2:21), or "habitation of God through the Spirit" (Eph. 2:22) is now taking place, described in Ephesians 2:19-22, and I Peter 2:5-8. Notice from these passages that the building is now growing or being built. Jesus is building His church or assembly of saved persons, building it on the Rock, Christ Jesus Himself. Each Christian is a "living stone." First Corinthians 12:12-27 discusses this growing of the body of Christ, and verse 13 there says that "we are all baptized into one body" by the Spirit. Get the meaning clear here. Each one of us is like a brick or stone buried into the wall and becoming a part of the wall. Christ, through the Holy Spirit, puts each new convert into this spiritual building and he is baptized, that is, literally buried, into the body of Christ, becoming a part of it. First Corinthians 12:13 does not speak about one's being baptized with the Holy Spirit for service, covered or surrounded or overwhelmed with the Holy Spirit. Instead, it tells how each Christian is put into the body and buried, and so becomes a part of the body of Christ, the spiritual house which He is building which is His church. The word *baptized* is used figuratively here. One is figuratively buried into the body of Christ and covered as a stone is buried in a wall. One also is figuratively covered with the Holy Spirit when He is poured out upon us in soul-winning power, but that is another matter entirely. Literal baptism, of course, is when one literally, physically, bodily, is buried in water.

The important thing to remember about the word *church* as used here is that every saved person is a part of that church.

We believe in local congregations, New Testament churches, such as they had in Bible times, but that is not what this Scripture is talking about. The gates of Hell do sometimes prevail against local congregations, even against denominations, but they cannot prevail against this body of Christ which He will call out at the rapture.

See the author's book, *Twelve Tremendous Themes*, the chapter

on "Churches and the Church," for detailed study here. Also see his book, *The Power of Pentecost*, for detailed evidence that the church did not originate at Pentecost, that it includes Old Testament saints as well as New Testament saints. See discussion there also about I Corinthians 12:13 and various New Testament uses of the term *baptized*.

### No Authority Given Peter as Pope

The "keys of the kingdom of heaven" mentioned in verse 19 are difficult to explain. It seems that Peter was given the opportunity of preaching first, at Pentecost, to the Jews, and that he was also given the opportunity of preaching first to the Gentiles (Cornelius and his household) after the resurrection of Christ. At any rate, it means that God intended His apostles, others as well as Peter, to have authority such as other preachers do not have. The Holy Spirit gave to them certain powers and authority which He does not give to others, not apostles. Dr. Mantey, well-known Greek scholar, says that "shall be bound" and "shall be loosed" could well be translated "shall have been bound" and "shall have been loosed," indicating that the Holy Spirit would simply reveal to the apostles what had already been bound or loosed in Heaven.

The Roman Catholic claim that the binding and loosing here given to Peter made him a pope, with power to save or to damn, and to rule all Christians, and that this authority was inherited by all popes of Rome, is utterly foreign to the Scripture. Note the following proofs against the papal claim.

1. Peter himself never claimed any authority over the other apostles.

2. At Jerusalem, at a counsel of apostles, James seems to have presided and gave the final verdict (Acts 15:13-21). He said, "my sentence is . . ."

3. Paul said plainly that Peter taught him nothing new or "added nothing to me" (Gal. 2:6) and that James, Peter, and John, "who seemed to be pillars," (note James is mentioned before Peter, (Gal. 2:9) agreed that Paul was as free to go to the Gentiles as they to the Jews.

4. Paul openly rebuked Peter to his face, and was then inspired of God to write it down (Gal. 2:11-14). God seems concerned to prove to us here that Peter was not infallible in faith and morals, had no authority whatever beyond the other apostles.

5. If in Matthew 16:19 Jesus gave Peter special power of binding and loosing, in John 20:21-23 He gave more specifically the same authority to ALL the apostles. He said, ". . . as my Father hath sent me, even so send I you. And when he had said this, he breathed on them, and saith unto them, Receive ye the Holy Ghost: Whose soever sins ye remit, they are remitted unto them; and whose soever sins ye retain, they are retained." All the apostles were sent as the Father sent Jesus. All had Holy Spirit leading so that they could tell people who had repented that their sins were forgiven, could tell those who had not repented that their sins were unforgiven. But Peter had no special authority more than any other apostle. And none of the apostles ever claimed the powers or authority claimed by the Roman pope.

6. However, the claim of any pope to have inherited any authority from any of the apostles, Peter or others, is without a word of Bible confirmation. Peter was no pope. No pope is foretold as God's vicar on earth. The claim of such authority is an usurpation. Jesus never hinted that there would be an office as prince or pope of the church or that any man would inherit or be elected to that office.

7. But the best answer to the Catholic interpretation of Matthew 16:18 and 19 is in Matthew 18:18 and 19. There Jesus plainly gives exactly the same authority to any two or three Christians meeting in Jesus' name as is here given to Peter! So Matthew 16:18, 19 could not possibly be intended to give papal authority to Peter or popes of the Catholic church.

Verse 20 seems strange. Jesus many times worked miracles and urged that they be kept secret

(Matt. 12:16; Mark 1:44; 5:43, etc.). Probably the reason is that Jesus wanted people to be convinced of His deity only by the one particular crowning sign He had given—His bodily resurrection from the dead (Matt. 12:39, 40; 16:4). The primary work of the apostles after Pentecost was bearing witness to the resurrection of Jesus Christ (Acts 1:22). See how many times the resurrection of Christ is mentioned by the apostles in the book of Acts.

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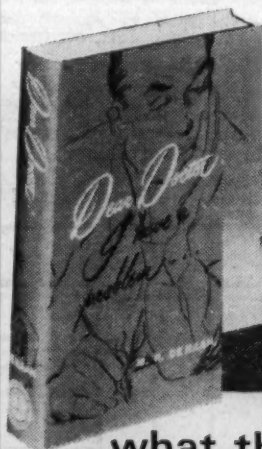
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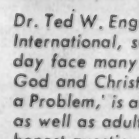


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# Searching the Scriptures for the Saviour

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## Daniel 9 The Saviour Is Coming

As we near the end of the Old Testament, we see prophecy piled upon prophecy concerning the coming of Christ. In Daniel chapter 9 we are even told the exact year! Daniel was a captive in an alien land. He grieved over the sins of his people, who would not turn to God, though He had chastened them sorely. As Daniel prayed and wept over them, God sent an angel who said, "Know therefore and understand, that from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the Messiah the Prince shall be seven weeks, and threescore and two weeks. . . . And after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be cut off, but not for himself."

Sometimes the Scriptures use the word "week" to mean seven years. Laban said to Jacob concerning Rachel, "Fulfill her week . . . which thou shalt serve with me yet seven other years" (Gen. 29:27). Here the word *week* obviously means seven years. So it is elsewhere in the Scriptures. So threescore and two weeks would be 62 weeks of seven years, or 434 years until Christ would be cut off, counting from the time the decree was issued for rebuilding Jerusalem, probably by Artaxerxes in Nehemiah 2:1-8.

When this prophecy is so explicit, why did not the Jews recognize their Saviour when He came? Wise men from the east came at His birth, likely having read this very Scripture (for Daniel was in Babylon when he wrote this). Though they were Gentiles, they read it, believed, and came seeking Him. Why didn't the Jews? Because their hearts were blinded by their sins (Rom. 11:8). When we have so much light, let us not reject Him, and so not receive the eternal life offered when Messiah was "cut off, but not for himself!"

### Clues Across

- 1 "from the going forth of the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem unto the . . ."
- 7 "the people of the prince that . . . come"
- 11 "and to . . . the most Holy"
- 12 " . . . that my words were now written!" Job 19
- 13 " . . . constrictor"
- 14 "Bind them continually upon thine heart, and . . . them" Prov. 6
- 15 "every man's sword was against his . . ." I Sam. 14
- 17 "he informed . . . and talked with me"
- 18 "And . . . prayed unto the Lord my God"
- 19 "the cucumbers, and the melons, and the . . ." Num. 11
- 20 "the street shall . . . built again"
- 21 "after threescore and two weeks shall Messiah be . . . off"
- 22 "unto all Israel, that are near, and that are far . . ."
- 23 printer's measure
- 24 "His blood be . . . us, and on our children" Matt. 27
- 25 "the half was not . . . me" I Kings 10
- 29 "not . . . for our righteousness, . . . for thy great mercies"
- 30 "that they might . . . obey thy voice"
- 32 "because for our sins, and . . . the iniquities of our fathers"
- 33 town built by sons of Elpaal (I Chron. 8:12)
- 35 "For . . . are bought with a price" I Cor. 6
- 36 " . . . shall confirm the covenant with many"
- 38 initials of a priest, and the wicked man with whom he allied himself (Nehe. 13:4)
- 39 "There is . . . righteous, no, not one" Rom. 3
- 41 "Pekod, and . . . and Koa, and all the Assyrians" Ezek. 23

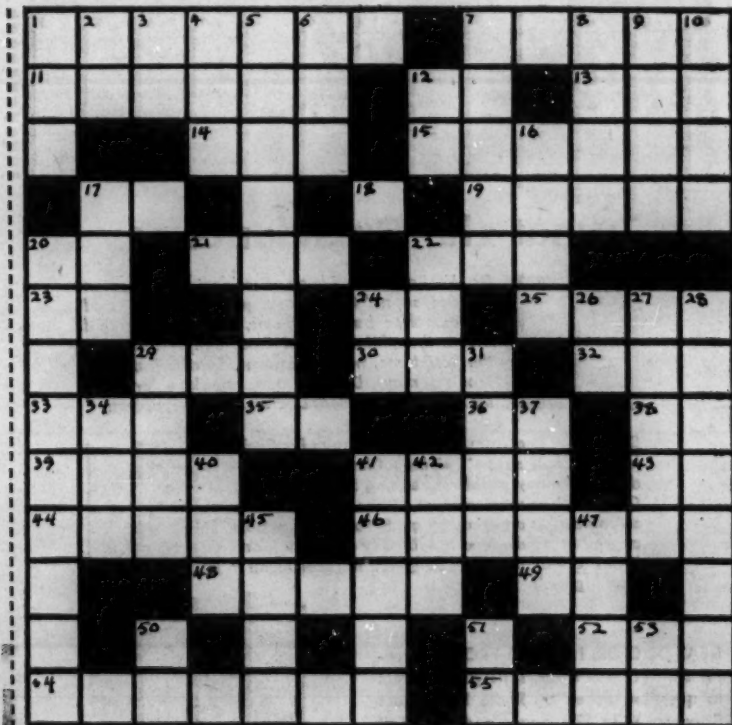
- 43 exclamation of anticipation (Job 39:25)
- 44 "by bringing upon us a . . . evil"
- 46 " . . . me about the time of the evening oblation"
- 48 "because of . . . trespass that they have trespassed"
- 49 " . . . every one that thirsteth" Isa. 55
- 52 father of Serug (Gen. 11:20)
- 54 "shall Messiah be cut off, but not for . . ."
- 55 "when I awake, I am . . . with thee" Ps. 139

### Clues Down

- 1 "even the . . . Gabriel, whom I had seen"
- 2 printer's measure
- 3 "For God . . . loved the world, that he gave" John 3
- 4 "till the thrones were cast down, and the Ancient of days did . . ." Dan. 7
- 5 "to make reconciliation for . . ."
- 6 "I . . . no pleasant bread" Dan. 10
- 7 a ledge
- 8 "our God whom we serve is . . . to deliver us" Dan. 3
- 9 "whose . . . was more stout than his fellows" Dan. 7
- 10 "Neither have we obeyed the voice of the Lord our God, to walk in his . . ."
- 12 "to all the people . . . the land"
- 16 "a child . . . to himself bringeth his mother to shame" Prov. 29
- 17 "to the . . . of Judah, and to the inhabitants of Jerusalem"
- 20 "O Lord, to us . . . confusion of face"
- 22 a plain (Nehe. 6:2)
- 24 same as 24 across
- 26 "from the going forth . . . the commandment to restore and to build Jerusalem"

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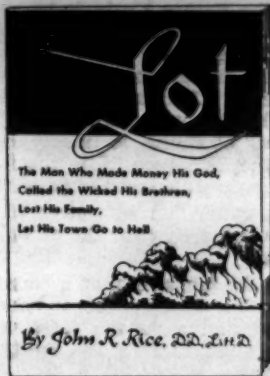
- 27 "the Egyptians shall . . . to drink of the water of the river" Exod. 7
- 28 "O Lord, the great and . . . God"
- 29 "This is now . . . of my bones" Gen. 2
- 31 " . . . art greatly beloved"
- 34 " . . . any other creature, shall be able to separate us from the love of God" Rom. 8
- 37 "The Lord grant you that ye may find rest, . . . of you" Ruth 1
- 40 "if any would not work, neither should he . . ." II Thess. 3
- 41 "they obeyed not, neither inclined their ear, but made their neck . . ." Jer. 17
- 42 mount where Aaron died (Num. 20:27)
- 45 "O Lord, righteousness belongeth unto . . ."
- 47 child of Lotan (Gen. 36:22)
- 50 "I . . . now come forth to give thee skill and understanding"
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## Drama of the Ages

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God that the Hebrews offered those sacrifices, but the only virtue there was in the blood of those animals was in the fact that they typified Jesus' blood; and it was because He was going to die that God saved those who by faith offered Old Testament sacrifices. Hebrews 9:14 says, "How much more shall the blood of Christ, who through the eternal Spirit offered himself without spot to God, purge your conscience from dead works to serve the living God." His blood was efficacious.

### A Spotless Lamb

Notice the expression, "without spot to God." He was without spot. Peter tells us that His blood was "as of a lamb without blemish and without spot" (I Pet. 1:19). Jesus was not only born like a lamb, but He lived like a Lamb. When God would typify His Son, He chose the most guileless of all animals, the lamb, and demanded that he should be without blemish and without spot, else he would not be a fit type of Jesus. The character of Jesus Christ was so spotless that even the judge who allowed His crucifixion said, "I find no fault in Him." Jesus asked the Pharisees, "Which of you convinceth me of sin?" Nobody took up that challenge. Down through all the crime, sin, and infidelity, and hatred of God and His Christ, for twenty centuries nobody has taken up that challenge. No one can find anything wrong with Jesus. He towers above all other men like a skyscraper towers above the miserable hovels of an underworld, and His character is as distinctly contrasted with that of others as a white lily in a bouquet of blood-red roses. Christ was sinless!

### A Lamb at the Slaughter

Behold Him! "He is brought as a lamb to the slaughter, and as a sheep before her shearers is dumb, so he openeth not his mouth" (Isa. 53:7). He died a bloody death like a lamb. See Him, pale and bruised, as He struggles yonder under the weight of the cross! Two thieves are walking by His side, for "he was numbered with the transgressors" (Isa. 53:12). He has been scourged with thongs of leather until His flesh is lacerated and bleeding, for in every thong of leather there was fastened either a piece of glass, a nail, or a piece of sea shell. The mob have struck Him with reeds, and with their hands and fists have hit his mouth, and cheeks, and head. His face and lips are cut and bruised. They have plucked out a part of His beard. His eyes and face are so swollen that He hardly looks human. Isaiah prophesied in his fifty-second chapter that Christ would be so beaten that He would look like "no man." His countenance is defiled with dust and the spit of the rabble; and drops of livid blood trickle into the part of His beard that has not been plucked out. A crown of thorns bedeck His brow. He has had no food, or drink, or sleep since the supper the night before. He has been hurried and pushed from place to place.

And now with the hot sun beating upon His bare head, and with a two-hundred-and-fifty-pound cross mounted upon His lacerated and bleeding back, He goes forth to suffer the most horrid and ignominious death in the criminal code of the ages. Behold Him, led like a lamb to the slaughter.

Now at Golgotha watch them as they strip Him of His clothing and to His shame place Him naked upon the cross! They hold Him there. They stretch forth His hands and nail them to the wood. His feet are crossed and one spike is driven through. Can you see those great tears gush from His swollen eyes and roll down His face into the blood and dust and sweat and spit that have all clogged in His beard? Behold Him! This is the Drama of the Ages, the cruel, horrible, but glorious tragedy of Calvary. Look! See Jesus. Hear Him cry, "Eli, Eli, lama sabachthani." (My God, My God, why hast thou forsaken me?) Agony has reached its climax. Now He bows His head and gives up the Ghost. The price is paid! His blood is shed! "Tis finished!"

### The Lamb Is Alive Forevermore

Now, pull back the curtain that hides the future and look through the eyes of the inspired Apostle John. I quote six verses beginning at Revelation 5:8:

"And when he had taken the book, the four beasts and four and twenty elders fell down before the Lamb, having every one of them harps, and golden vials full of odours, which are the prayers of saints. And they sung a new song, saying, Thou art worthy to take the book, and to open the seals thereof: for thou wast slain, and hast redeemed us to God by thy blood out of every kindred, and tongue, and people, and nation; And hast made us unto our God kings and priests: and we shall reign on the earth. And I beheld, and I heard the voice of many angels round about the throne and the beasts and the elders; and the number of them was ten thousand times ten thousand, and thousands of thousands; Saying with a loud voice, Worthy is the Lamb that was slain to receive power, and riches, and wisdom, and strength, and honour, and glory, and blessing. And every creature which is in heaven, and on the earth, and under the earth, and such as are in the sea, and all that are in them, heard I saying, Blessing, and honour, and glory, and power be unto him that sitteth upon the throne, and unto the Lamb forever and ever."

He is not a dead Lamb, but a risen, living Lamb! He is the Lamb who bore our sins away and returned with the scars to mark the event. He is the crucified, risen, living Lamb, the saving Lamb! He gave us the ordinance which we call "the Lord's Supper" to remind us that He died to bear our sins away. The scars are there on His brow, His hands, His feet, His back, His face, and His side.

Today those nail-scarred hands are stretched out to you. He invites you to come and make your garments white in His blood. Will you not come?

I saw One hanging on a tree  
In agony and blood.  
He fixed His languid eyes on me  
As near His cross I stood.

Sure, never till my latest breath  
Shall I forget that look.  
It seemed to charge me with His death,  
Though not a word He spoke.

My conscience felt and owned the guilt  
And plunged me in despair.  
I saw my sins His blood had split,  
And helped to nail Him there.

Another look He gave which said,  
'I freely all forgive  
This blood is for thy ransom paid.  
I die that thou mayest live.'

With pleasing grief, and mournful joy  
My spirit oft is filled  
To think that I should such a life destroy,  
Yet live by Him I killed.

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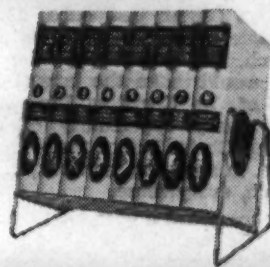
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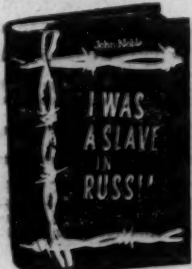
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## How to Make a Success . . .

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est detail of life. This is one of the most essential conditions of receiving "the Holy Ghost, whom God hath given to them that obey him" (Acts 5:32).

### 2. Confess Christ Openly Before Men

Matthew 10:32, "Whosoever therefore shall confess me before men, him will I confess also before my Father which is in heaven." Romans 10:10, "For with the heart man believeth unto righteousness; and with the mouth confession is made unto salvation." The life of confession is the life of full salvation. It is when we confess Christ before men that He confesses us before "my father in heaven," and that the fullness of His blessing comes.

It does not mean that we are to confess Christ just once, as for example, when we unite with the church, but constantly. The one who would make the largest success of the Christian life should seize every opportunity of confessing Christ before men—in the home, in shopping, at work, in the church, everywhere.

I once heard a wise old preacher say, "If we make a good deal of Christ, He will make a great deal of us." How many backsliders fell away from Christ at this point! They went to a new city, or a new place to work, and neglected to confess Christ, and now they are back in the world.

### 3. Study the Word.

First Peter 2:2, "As newborn babes, desire the sincere milk of the word, that ye may grow thereby." The Word of God is the soul's food. It is the nourishment of the new life. One who neglects the Word cannot make much of a success of the Christian life. All who get on in the Christian life are great feeders on the Word of God. Here many fail. Ask any backslider, "Have you fed on the Word daily?" I never have found one that could say that he had.

Two points on Bible reading are: first, read for food for your own soul; second, read a great deal on your knees. The Bible has become in some measure a new book to me since I have taken to reading it on my knees.

### 4. "Pray Without Ceasing"

(1 Thess. 5:17). The one who would succeed in the Christian life must lead a life of prayer. That is easy enough if you only set about it. Have set times for prayer. The rule of David and Daniel, three times a day, is a good rule. Psalms 55:17, "Evening, and morning, and at noon, will I pray, and cry aloud; and he shall hear my voice." Daniel 6:10, "Now when Daniel knew that the writing was signed, he went into his house; and his windows being open in his chamber toward Jerusalem, he kneeled upon his knees three times a day, and prayed, and gave thanks before his God, as he did aforetime." Begin the day with thanksgiving and prayer—thanksgiving for the definite mercies of the past, prayer for the definite needs of the present day. Stop in the midst of the bustle and worry and temptation of the day for thanksgiving and prayer. Close the day with thanksgiving and prayer.

Then there should be the special prayer in special temptation—when we see the temptation approaching. Keep looking to God. "Pray without ceasing." It is not needful to be on our knees all the time. But the heart should be on its knees all the time. If "Satan trembles when he sees the weakest saint upon his knees," let us keep him trembling all the time. We should be often on our knees, or our faces literally. This is a joyous life, free from worry and care. Here is the point (neglect of prayer) where many fail.

There are three things for which the one who would make a success of the Christian life must especially pray: first, for wisdom, "If any of you lack wisdom, let him ask of God" (James 1:5); second, for strength, "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength" (Isa. 40:31); third, for the Holy Spirit, "Your heavenly Father shall give the Holy Spirit to them that ask him." If you have not yet received the

baptism of the Holy Spirit, you should offer definite prayer for this definite blessing and definitely expect to receive it. If you have already received the baptism of the Holy Spirit, you should with each new emergency of Christian work pray to God for a new filling with the Holy Spirit (Acts 4:31).

### 5. Go to Work for Christ

Matthew 25:29, "For unto every one that hath shall be given, and he shall have abundance; but from him that hath not shall be taken away even that which he hath." Note the context, and you will see that this means, those who use what they have will get more, and those who let what they have lie idle will lose even that. The working Christian, the one who uses his talents, whether few or many, in Christ's service, is the one who gets on in the Christian life here, and who will hereafter hear the, "Well done, thou good and faithful servant, enter thou into the joy of the Lord." Find some work to do for Christ and do it.

Seek for work. If it is nothing more than distributing tracts or invitations to meetings, do it. Always be looking for something more to do for Christ, and you will always be receiving something more from Christ.

### 6. Give Largely

Proverbs 11:25, "The liberal soul shall be made fat." Second Corin-

thians 9:6, 8, "He which soweth sparingly shall reap also sparingly; and he which soweth bountifully shall reap also bountifully. . . . And God is able to make all grace abound toward you; that ye, always having all sufficiency in all things, may abound to every good work." Success and growth in Christian life depends on few things more than upon liberal giving. A stingy Christian cannot be a growing Christian. It is wonderful how a Christian man begins to grow when he begins to give. Give systematically. Set aside for Christ a fixed proportion of all the money or goods you get. Be exact and honest about it. Don't use it for yourself under any circumstances. A tenth is a good proportion to begin with. Don't let it be less than that. After you have given your tenth, you will probably soon learn the joy of giving freewill offerings in addition to the tenth.

### 7. Keep Pushing On

Philippians 3:13, 14, "Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended; but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before, I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus." Forget that which lies behind; press on to the better things that lie before. "Press on toward the goal unto the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus" (A.S.V.). Forget the sins which lie behind.

If you fail anywhere, if you fall, don't be discouraged, don't give up, don't brood over the sin.

Confess it instantly. Believe God's Word. First John 1:9, "If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins, and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." Believe the sin is forgiven; forget it; press on. Satan beguiles many a poor soul here. He keeps us brooding over our failures and sins. He even makes us think this is humility, as if it were humility to doubt God's Word and make Him a liar by not believing the sin is forgiven and put away, when He says it is.

Forget the achievements and victories of the past and press on to greater. Here Satan cheats many of us out of the larger life. He keeps us thinking so much of what we have already obtained and makes us so contented with it and so puffed up over it, that we come to a standstill, or even backslide. I have seen this in many individuals and many churches. "How well we have done!" they think. Our only safety is in forgetting those things which are behind, and pressing on. "Excelsior!" "Higher!" should be the soul's persistent cry. Press on! There is always something better ahead. You may have received a second blessing, or a twenty-second, but there is still something better until we "come . . . unto a perfect man, unto the measure of the stature of the fulness of Christ" (Eph. 4:13).

Young Christian friends and older Christians, the road to certain success in the Christian life is plain enough. Shall we take it? The truths of this message are familiar; but are you practicing them? Read them over frequently

and see if there is not some point at which you fail. If you find there is, correct your mistake at once.

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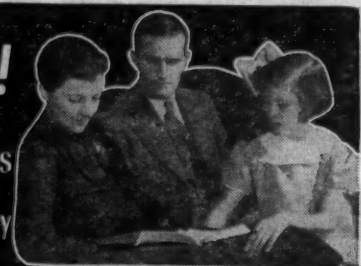
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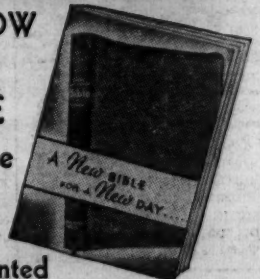
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